

# Police: Sexual predators moving

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DUXBURY — Duxbury police have made four arrests in two days in the Bay Farm area of Duxbury on sexual charges ranging from open and gross lewdness to indecent assault.

Duxbury police said the arrests at the recreation area show that sexual predators have moved from the Route 3 rest stop in Norwell where a 17-year-old boy was allegedly raped last month.

"Continued surveillance indicates that this area is still not safe for residents to use," Duxbury police said in a statement last night.

On Tuesday, two young boys told police they were propositioned by a man at Bay Farm field, an area used by the towns of Kingston and Duxbury for recreation. The boys fled the area immediately, but gave police a description of the suspect and his vehicle.

The incident prompted police detectives to enter the Bay Farm area in civilian clothing Thursday.

Within a matter of minutes, a man allegedly exposed himself to one of the detectives and made sexual advances toward him before being placed under arrest.

The man, Keith Kennedy, 44, of 29 Atwell Circle, Marshfield, was charged with open and gross lewdness after he allegedly exposed himself to an officer.

A short time later, Rudiger Rottach, 54, of 290 Center St., Pembroke, was charged with indecent assault and battery, assault and battery and resisting arrest.

Police said Rottach approached a second officer and made an indecent sexual assault on him.

Both men pleaded innocent at arraignment Friday in Plymouth District Court.

Judge Thomas Brownell sentenced Kennedy to six months' pretrial probation.

Rottach was released on his promise to return to court on April 7.

Police said neither is a suspect in Tuesday's case, which remains under investigation.

Undercover officers again patrolled Bay Farm Friday, and arrested two more men, according to Duxbury police:

Joseph F. Parise, 48, of 768 Main St., Norwell, on charges of indecent assault on a person 14 years or older, and assault and battery; and Robert F. Rockstraw, 38, of 24 Deer Hill Lane, Carver, on charges of open and

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gross lewdness and indecent exposure.

Police say they have received an increasing number of calls on sexual activity in the Bay Farm area. They say they will continue surveillance of the area.

Duxbury Acting Police Chief Donald Sjostedt said the police crack-

down since the rape of a 17-year-old boy at a rest area on Route 3 in Norwell has led predators to find other locations.

"These perpetrators are moving away from the highway and finding other spots to carry on their activities," said Sjostedt. "They've involved two kids from our town. That will not be tolerated, and we will not allow that to exist. We will keep pounding away at them."